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Clarksville 24th July 1803

Sir

I had the honor of receiving thro' Captain M. Lewis an assurance of your Approbation & wish that I would join him in a North Western enterprise. I will chearfully, and with great pleasure, join my friend Capt. Lewis in this Vast enterprise, and shall arrange my business so as to be in readiness to leave this soon after his arrival. May I request the favour of you to forward the inclosed letter to Capt. Lewis, should he not be with you. I have the honor to be with great respect your Mo. Ob. and Sincear Wm. Clark

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